

Quote Approval- Police Department Vehicle Replacement

The Westfield Police Department is requesting Board of Public Works and Safety approval to purchase a new police patrol car to replace a vehicle which was a total loss following a traffic accident on May 15, 2008.

The original insurance settlement offer of \$14,282 was negotiated up by the police fleet manager to the current settlement offer of \$18,939.91. The fleet manager has received quotations for one Ford Crown Victoria Police model, two different Dodge Charger Police models, and one Chevrolet Impala Police model to replace the lost vehicle.

The Westfield Police Department recommends that the Board of Public Works and Safety approve and authorize the purchase of a 2008 Chevrolet Impala Police from Dan Young Chevrolet in Tipton. The Police Department is basing this recommendation on the following:

1. The quotations for replacement vehicles range from \$19,845 to \$25,200. The Chevrolet Impala is the lowest priced vehicle quoted and is within \$905.00 of the insurance settlement.
2. The Chevrolet Impala is in stock and immediately available from the dealer. Two of the three remaining vehicles would have to be ordered and would not be available for at least ten weeks, and the third is black in color and would have to be used as an unmarked car, which is not desired.
3. The Chevrolet Impala is an E-85 fuel rated vehicle. The purchase of the recommended vehicle will allow the Police Department to conduct a detailed and agency-specific comparison of operating costs of the three models of police vehicles currently available. This information will be used to determine the lowest overall operating cost by model and will guide future fleet purchase decisions.